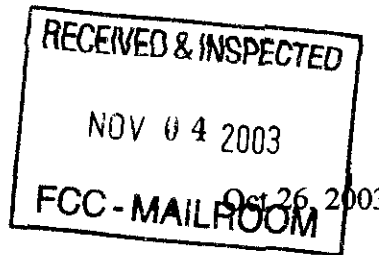


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Federal Communications Commission

Subject: Comments concerning removing the Morse Code requirement in Ham Radio



I wish to support RM-10811, submitted by the FISTS CW Society, which supports retaining the Morse Code testing requirements for some classes of Ham Radio licenses

The technical quality of Ham Radio is under constant attack by those who make money from it, and who desire ever larger numbers of hams. By making it easier and easier to become a Ham, the quality of the new members is continually dropping, bringing into question the continued need for Ham frequency allocations. It is not just about the drive to remove Morse testing for certain band segments, but the use of Volunteer Examiners and the publishing of a question and answer pool in the technical examinations.

Having been a Ham for almost 60 years, I have witnessed a continual lowering of the quality of Hams on the bands, following each lowering of the standards for obtaining a license. Obtaining a Ham License is now almost a trivial task, with efforts by some to further trivialize it. I urge the Commission to stop this trend.

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